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CLAIMS

2 1. An apparatus for holding a fish, comprising:
3 a clip having two or more opposing protrusions moveable between a first position
4 and a second position, the protrusions urged towards one another by a biasing member to
5 create a gripping force between the protrusions, in the first position, the gripping force
6 capable of holding a fish, and

7 a length of rope having a loop formed at a first end, the loop securing the rope to
8 the clip, the loop capable of exerting a force on the biasing member thereby increasing
9 the gripping force.
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11 2. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the protrusions and the biasing member are
12 molded as one piece.

13 3. The apparatus of claim 2, wherein the clip is molded from an acetal resin.

14 4. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the rope is a braided hollow polypropylene.

15 5. The apparatus of claim 4, wherein the loop is formed by inserting the first end of
16 the rope inside the hollow rope a spaced distance from the first end.

17 6. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the rope has a positive buoyancy in water.

18 7. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the rope comprises a second end, the second
19 end forming a loop to assist in holding the rope

20 8. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the rope comprises a second end, the second
21 end comprising a marker for indicating the weight of an attached fish.

22 9. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the rope is adapted to float on the surface of

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1 water.

2 10. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the protrusions are angled towards the biasing
3 member.

4 11. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the protrusions further comprise a plurality of
5 grooves to assist in the holding of the fish.

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7 12. An apparatus for holding a fish, comprising:
8 a clip formed of two or more elongated rigid members, the rigid members having
9 a first end and a second end, the rigid members each having a gripping portion at the first
10 end for holding a fish, the rigid members rotatable about a spacer located between the
11 first end and the second end, a biasing member coupled to the rigid members urging the
12 second ends to move away from one another and the first ends to move towards one
13 another, and

14 a length of rope coupled to the biasing member, the rope capable of exerting a
15 force on the biasing member further urging the second ends of the rigid members to
16 move away from one another.

17 13 The apparatus of claim 12, wherein the rigid members, the spacer, and the biasing
18 member are molded as one piece.

19 14. The apparatus of claim 12, wherein the clip is molded from an acetal resin.

20 15. The apparatus of claim 12, wherein the rope is a braided hollow polypropylene.

21 16. The apparatus of claim 13, wherein the rope has a loop formed at a first end of the
22 rope, the loop coupling the rope to the clip.

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- 1 17. The apparatus of claim 16, wherein the loop is formed by inserting the first end of
2 the rope inside the hollow rope a spaced distance from the first end.
- 3 18. The apparatus of claim 12, wherein the rope has a positive buoyancy in water.
- 4 19. The apparatus of claim 12, wherein the rope comprises a second end, the second
5 end forming a loop to assist in holding the rope.
- 6 20. The apparatus of claim 12, wherein the rope is adapted to float on the surface of
7 water.

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